not to seak unnecessary adjournments and to expedite the trial in pending cases.

Working of Burgers Memorial Girls' Hostel

2396. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently received some detailed complaints about the alleged bungling in use of grants, fake admission and exploitation of the students etc. relating to a minority educational institution of Bilaspur (M.P.) viz. Burgers Memorial Girls' Hostel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme

2397. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned pension under Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme 1980 to those who produced two co-prisoner and later on with only one co-prisoner certificate;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that applicants were refused on account of delay as late as 1993; and

(c) whether Government have now decided to consider the applications for sanctioning pensions who submitted applications even in 1993 with one co-prisoner certificate and even if they have not produced any record from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 pension is granted to those who claimed imprisonment/detention during the freedom struggle, on production of the following document(s):—

Certaificate from the concerned Jail authority, District Magistrate or the State Government, indicating period of sentence awarded, date of admission, date of release and reasons for release. In the absence of such certificates from official records, a Non-availability of Records Certificate (NARC) from the concerned authorities alongwith Co-prisoners' Certificates (CPC) as under:—

(i) Two Co-prisoners' Certificates from the freedom fighter pensioners who had a proven jail suffering of one year.

(ii) One Co-prisoners' Certificate from a sitting MP or MLA or from an ex-MP or an ex-MLA specifying his jail period and that of the applicant.

(b) Consequent to the judgement dated 14-5-1993 or the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Mukund Lal Bhandari, the Central Government has been accepting the applications under the scheme without raising the plea that they are beyond the prescribed date. The sanction of pension would, however, be subject to the requisite proof in support of the claim.

(c) In the case of persons who produced jail certificates which mention their conviction and admission to the jail but were transferred within a few days to jails now in Pakistan, pension could be sanctioned on obtaining an affidavit from the freedom fighter that:—

(i) he underwent the imprisonment mentioned in the conviction (Name of jail etc. and period to be specified); and

(ii) he was convicted in connection with the Freedom Struggle.

Communication Network in he AIMS

2398. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application for establishment of a communication network through electronic means for rapid exchange of information submitted by the Regional Institute of Medical Science, Imphal;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for establishment of it; and

(c) the reasons for delaying it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

रेलगाड़ियों में अपराध

2399. प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 तथा 1996-97 के दौरान रेलगाड़ियों में डकैती तथा चोरी की कितनी घटनाएं हुईं;

(ख) इनमें कितने व्यक्ति हताहत हुये और कितना माल लूटा गया अथवा चोरी किया गया;

(ग) कितने अपराधी पकड़े गये और कुल कितना माल बरामद किया गया; और

(घ) कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध मुकदमा चलाया गया और कितने अपराधियों को सजा दी गई ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार) : (क) से (घ) उपलब्ध सूचना विवरण में दी गई हैं (नीचे देखिए) । चोरी की अलग-अलग घटनाओं, घायल व्यक्तियों, लूटी गई या चुराई गई वस्तुओं के मूल्य व ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या जिनके खिलाफ ट्रेनों में घटनाओं के संबंध में मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं से संबंधित विशिष्ट सूचना केन्द्रीय स्तर पर नहीं रखी जाती है । रेलवे से संबंधित अपराध सहित अपराधों का पंजीकरण जांच पड़ताल करना, पता लगाना तथा रोकथाम करना मुख्यत: संबंधित राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है । विशेषरूप से ट्रेनों तथा रेलवे स्टेशनों पर होने वाले अपराधों से निपटने के लिए राज्यों में "राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस" नामक संगठन है । तथापि, केन्द्र सरकार पुलिस संरचना को सुदृढ़ करने हेतु राज्य सरकारों को सलाह देती है व वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराती है ।